

GOSSIP OF WALL STREET.

The stock market derived its inspiration yesterday principally from the concerted strength of the Hill and Harriman stocks, which it may be remarked, continue to move as if by a common impulse, advancing or declining together without any new developments whatever, notwithstanding the changes in their apparent relations since the final decision a few weeks ago in the Northern Securities case. In the Hill group violent advances were made yesterday in Northern Securities, Northern Pacific and Great Northern preferred, while from the point of view of an active trader the most important operations of the day lie in the whole market were those on the long side of Union Pacific and Southern Pacific, and on the short side of the latter, which advanced in the last few minutes of trading to 127 1/2, the highest point so far reached on the recovery from 118 1/2, and closed at the extreme top. The discommodation of the short interest in Union Pacific and Southern Pacific created a general covering movement around the room which lifted the entire market. The highest prices of the day were made at the closing of the market. The day's trading in the stock of the Hill and Harriman groups brought forth a great many rumors, all more or less interesting, but doubtless untrustworthy. Specific rumors of an early dividend on Southern Pacific at the rate of 10 cents, together with 1 per cent. are not well supported. They are, in fact, discouraged by certain banking interests. Until something definite is known of the Northern Securities scheme, if there is any existing situation, it is likely to continue to be a source of stock exchange rumors and harmony will continue to be traded in as a speculative quantity.

To have said that yesterday's advance in Union Pacific was the result merely of an aggressive demonstration against the short interest would have been altogether too obvious. A rise of 3 1/2 per cent. in a day in a stock like Union Pacific calls for something more than obvious comment, so yesterday there were rumors of newly discovered equities and an immediate increase in the dividend rate to 6 per cent. and of harmony, &c. There is reason to believe that some of the old bull forces in Union Pacific have taken hold of the stock again, and orders probably bought more on such orders below 120 than they took yesterday on the bulge to 127 1/2. Yesterday's advance was made very largely at the expense of a vulnerable bear account.

What do you think of Emperor William's speech? One trader asked another yesterday, referring to a cable message in which the German ruler was quoted as having said that as Russia had shown weakness in the presence of the yellow danger circumstances might arise which would place upon Germany the task of opposing the danger. "Why," said the second trader, "Emperor William, President Roosevelt and a lot of traders here are on top of the market and John W. Gates is under it. Now we shall see what happens."

The leadership of that Western crowd of which John W. Gates is the prominent member asserted yesterday on the bull side of the market. There are many good bulls who will not like this Western company, perhaps, and yet with general speculative interest as so long as the market remains at a low level it is somewhat relieving to have a really aggressive crowd come out in the open and propose to do something. It enlivens the situation at any rate and injects into the market an element of personality and ship which has been wanting for some time. Several very bullish expressions of speculative opinion from Mr. Gates appeared yesterday. It must be said, however, that the publicity with which they are honored was unsought. For example, Mr. Gates sent a long message by private wire to Boston and it was telegraphed back to Wall Street and was made public. In the Boston message Mr. Gates said that he had returned from the West in a somewhat bearish frame of mind, which under the circumstances is a statement that nobody is likely to doubt, but that upon seeing the situation here and finding the extent to which the commission houses had been baited out of stocks and seeing the way in which property held all around him had become a great deal more bullish, and that he was going to be in the market to the limit. It is characteristic of this Western crowd to be impatient. It will determine, for instance, that conditions are bullish, and then when it is advised to wait a while before carrying the ideas into the market, it is impatient. With the professional element in a bullish mood, as it was yesterday morning, a poor report would have been the pretext for active selling. The immediate interpretation of an ordinary piece of news depends to a great extent upon the speculative temper in which it is received. When Wall Street is bearish it will disregard bullish news and magnify anything that is bearish, and vice versa.

The weakness of the franchise stocks yesterday was disregarded. It had the appearance of effect upon general sentiment. The extent to which the crop report published after trading ceased on Wednesday was responsible for yesterday's improvement in prices would be a debatable question. There was no response to it whatever at the opening of the market, and it is looked upon favorably as if it was going to be overlooked entirely as a basis for bullish operations. In the afternoon, bullish leadership having been asserted in the market, it was referred to as an inspiration. The outside response to it felt in Wall Street for a day or two after publication. The April report stimulated some fresh outside buying, broke down the ideas of the market, and its appearance, as it was yesterday morning, a poor report would have been the pretext for active selling. The immediate interpretation of an ordinary piece of news depends to a great extent upon the speculative temper in which it is received. When Wall Street is bearish it will disregard bullish news and magnify anything that is bearish, and vice versa.

One way to bull the market is to buy stocks on a large scale, and one way to bear it is to sell stocks on a large scale. There are other ways. It is thought that if the stock market had insisted very strenuously upon being humored by the Wall Street commission houses, instead of merely apologizing for having not increased the dividend, might have been induced to reconsider their action at an special meeting and increase the rate without waiting for the next regular period.

There is a directness of finisity about the Western and Southwestern advances received in Wall Street that is very noticeable. A Wall Street house having a large speculative business in cotton received from its correspondent at Dallas, Tex., yesterday the following: "It is raining here in torrents. There will be hell to pay if it doesn't let up soon."

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The only feature of the market demanding comment at the outset of trading yesterday was the continued absence of selling pressure. Traders were in control of the situation during the forenoon and made what prices they would within a narrow range of fluctuations. The day's trading in the activities upon the United States Steel stocks, which for a while were conspicuously weak. It is the expert opinion of a majority of traders that a turn has been reached in steel trade conditions. They do not expect anything about the steel trade, but they feel that feeling of it, just as they have a feeling of the market without caring at all for values. The Wall Street correspondence of a Pittsburgh house that has been building on steel preferred since it was selling last year under 60, and whose views of trade conditions are respected, received from it yesterday the following: "The steel and iron trade is good and outlook fine, but you can't expect orders to keep up at such high prices as prevailed during March. The lobbying four-

Consolidated Cotton Duck Co.

United States Cotton Duck Corporation.

Notice is hereby given that at the request of the holders of a large majority in amount of each and all of the above-mentioned securities, the undersigned committee have formulated and submitted to the holders of the securities a plan intended to bring about a union of the interests represented by the securities of both of the above-named companies, through the organization of a new corporation under the laws of Delaware to be known as the "Consolidated Cotton Duck Company."

The new corporation will have an authorized capital as follows:

150,000 shares of Cumulative Preferred Stock (par value \$50 per share)	\$6,000,000
140,000 shares of Common Stock (par value \$50 per share)	\$7,000,000
Total	\$13,000,000

DISTRIBUTION OF NEW SECURITIES.

To the Holders of the \$6,000,000 par value of Income Bonds of the Mt. Vernon-Woodberry Cotton Duck Co.

(a) For each \$1,000 par value of 5% Income Bonds, 10 shares of the 5% Preferred Stock of the new Company (50,000 shares).....\$3,000,000

(b) For each \$1,000 par value of such bonds, 1-1/2 shares of the Common Stock of the new Company (30,000 shares).....\$1,500,000

To the Holders of the Preferred Stock of the U. S. Cotton Duck Corporation:

(a) For the Preferred Stock of the present Company (40,000 shares) at par value of the present stock in Preferred Stock of the new Company (50,000 shares).....\$2,500,000

(b) For each eleven shares of the Preferred Stock of the present Company, sixteen shares of Common Stock of the new Company (30,000 shares).....\$2,000,000

To the Holders of the \$10,000,000 of Common Stock of the U. S. Cotton Duck Corporation:

(a) For each five shares of the Common Stock of the present Company, four shares of Common Stock of the new Company (30,000 shares).....\$4,000,000

(b) Leaving Preferred Stock of the new Company in the treasury (5,000 shares).....\$250,000

Totals.....\$6,000,000 \$7,000,000

DEPOSITED SECURITIES MUST BE IN NEGOTIABLE FORM AND MUST BE MADE WITH THE DEPOSITORY AT BALTIMORE OR WITH THE SUB-DEPOSITORY, THE COLONIAL TRUST COMPANY, 222 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY, NOT LATER THAN MAY 28TH, 1905, AFTER WHICH DATE THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO RECEIVE DEPOSITS.

Copies of the Plan and Deposit Agreement may be had on application to the Depository, The Colonial Trust Co., of Baltimore, and to the Sub-Depository, Colonial Trust Co., of New York, and to the Secretary of the Committee.

Dated, New York, May 8th, 1905.

S. DAVIES WARFIELD, Chairman.
DOUGLAS H. THOMAS, G. CLEM GOODRICH, HARRY A. ORRICK, GEORGE K. MC GAW, S. STERETT McKim, EDWARD H. THOMSON, JAMES E. BORNE, ARTHUR LEHMAN, ELBERT A. BRINCKERHOFF.

SAMUEL UENTERMYER, New York.
EDGAR H. GALT, Baltimore.
H. A. BEASLEY, Secretary.
 Baltimore & Calvert Sts., Baltimore, Md.

ALASKA COPPER THE LATOUCHE ISLAND COPPER MINING COMPANY, LTD., WANTS \$25,000

To continue development work on its property at Latouche Island, Prince William Sound, Alaska, the company desires to raise \$25,000. The property is situated on the coast of Alaska, and is one of the most valuable copper mines in the world. The company has been working on the property for several years, and has discovered large quantities of copper. It is now seeking capital to continue its work, and to develop the property to its full extent. The company is willing to pay a high price for the capital, and is confident that it will be able to repay the loan within a short time.

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MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINISTERS ALMANAC THIS DAY.

Sun rises.....6:44 Sun sets.....7:00 Moon sets 12:54

Sandy Hook 12:50 Gov. Fort Hill Mass. 12:53

ARRIVED—THURSDAY, MAY 11.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

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ARRIVED—FRIDAY, MAY 12.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

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ARRIVED—SATURDAY, MAY 13.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

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ARRIVED—SUNDAY, MAY 14.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

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St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

ARRIVED—MONDAY, MAY 15.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

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St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

ARRIVED—TUESDAY, MAY 16.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

ARRIVED—WEDNESDAY, MAY 17.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

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ARRIVED—THURSDAY, MAY 18.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

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ARRIVED—FRIDAY, MAY 19.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

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ARRIVED—SATURDAY, MAY 20.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

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ARRIVED—SUNDAY, MAY 21.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

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ARRIVED—MONDAY, MAY 22.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

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ARRIVED—TUESDAY, MAY 23.

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ARRIVED—WEDNESDAY, MAY 24.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

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ARRIVED—THURSDAY, MAY 25.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

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ARRIVED—FRIDAY, MAY 26.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

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ARRIVED—SATURDAY, MAY 27.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

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ARRIVED—SUNDAY, MAY 28.

St. Pauline, N. Y., from New York, April 30.

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ARRIVED—MONDAY, MAY 29.

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ARRIVED—TUESDAY, MAY 30.

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ARRIVED—WEDNESDAY, MAY 31.

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Speyer & Co.'s Temporary Certificates

FOR UNITED STATES OF MEXICO 4% GOLD BONDS OF 1904.

Notice is hereby given that the UNITED STATES OF MEXICO 4% GOLD BONDS OF 1904 will be ready for delivery at the office of the undersigned on or before May 15, 1905, against surrender of our Temporary Certificates for same.

The certificates when surrendered must be accompanied by the coupon due June 1st attached thereto, as the bonds when delivered in exchange will carry the coupons due that date.

As the first drawing of Bonds for the sinking fund under the loan authorized to be made on or before May 20th, holders of the Temporary Certificates are requested to present their Certificates for exchange without delay.

Speyer & Co.,
 New York, May 10, 1905. 24-26 Pine St.

Kansas City Southern Railway.

To the Stockholders:

All stockholders who favor a complete change in the management of the Company and the inauguration of a policy of operating the road independently of existing alliances are invited promptly to forward their proxies to THE CHAIRMAN AT NO. 77 BROAD STREET, New York City, for use at the annual meeting.

Dated, New York, May 2, 1905.

HERMANN SIEGEL, Chairman.
 DANIEL G. ROSENWART,
 ALEXANDER D. KLEINWORT,
 of Kleinfeltz & Co.,
 London.
 Proxy Committee.
 SAMUEL UENTERMYER, Counsel.

To the Stockholders

Havana Electric Railway Co.

Notice is hereby given to the holders of the Common and Preferred Shares of the Havana Electric Railway Co. that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from twelve o'clock noon on Saturday, the 20th May, 1905, until the morning of Thursday, the 25th May, 1905, for the purpose of giving the shareholders of record on said 20th May the right to subscribe for the Bonds and Stock of the Havana Central Railroad Company.

The Havana Central Railroad Company has been organized for the purpose of constructing a system of about 120 miles of Electric Railroad radiating from the City of Havana to serve the surrounding districts.

Full particulars will be furnished on application to the

THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY.
 Treasurer's Office,
 New York, May 10th, 1905.

The Transfer Books of the Adams Express Company will be closed from two o'clock P. M. May 12th, 1905, to the morning of Monday, May 15th, 1905.

BASIL W. ROWE, Treasurer.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

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